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Applicant wishes to thank Examiner for his courtesy in granting the recent interview held with newly appointed Counsel, on January 18, 2006, at which time new, more detailed claim 1 was discussed. That claim 1 is included in elected species I (it reads *inter alia* on Figs. 1-4). Species I is elected, and claims 1 and 73 are believed readable on all species. All claims are believed readable on one or more figures in Species I.

The wording of that claim 1 is now explicitly included in the specification. Claim 1 distinguishes over cited art as follows:

Poole 5,797,692 lacks a) as his nozzle side wall does not terminate at a furthest forward end opening; and lacks d) as his nozzle side wall is not convergent toward his side opening 73 which is not furthest forward; (applicant's nozzle terminal therefore has multiple functions, as in c), e) and f) of claim 1),

Lobdell 5,890,630 also lacks a), as his nozzle lacks a side wall that terminates at a furthest forward end opening; and he also lacks d) as his nozzle side wall is not convergent toward his side opening 19,

which is not furthest forward; and Lobdell lacks the dimensions in c) of claim 1;

Pearce 2,716,251 is from the remote grease applicator art; and he lacks d) above as his nozzle side wall outer surface is not everywhere forwardly convergent toward his end opening, i.e. as seen in his Fig. 3, his left side wall outer surface tapers upwardly and away from his end opening 17;

Mandanas and other cited art appear no more pertinent than the above references.

Added base claim 73 is very close to claim 1, and is urged to distinguish over cited art for similar reasons and in relation to nozzle shape and opening configuration.

New dependent claims 45-71 are added.

Correspondence between many of those added dependent claims, and dependent claims that were withdrawn (now cancelled) are as follows:

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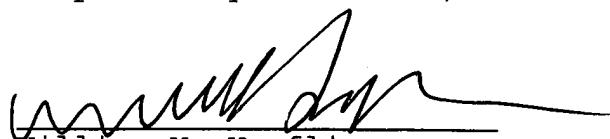
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Since there are now only two base claims, believed generic, from claim 1 of which all dependent claims are dependent, it is believed that the species election requirement should be withdrawn, and that is respectfully solicited, especially in the interests of advancing the prosecution. If that is not possible, it is urged that species II and VI be eliminated and that their Figs. 11, 12 and 26, and Fig. 21B be included in elected species I, in view of close relatedness of those figures to the figures of species I.

Any required formal changes to drawings are respectfully requested to be delayed until at least one claim is found allowable, in view of change of Counsel, and extensive number of drawing figures, and cost of changing same.

A call to Counsel to discuss any remaining issue is respectfully solicited. Allowance is urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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